



SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposed Preliminary Budget 2019 / 2020

November 19, 2018



Spring-Ford Area School District 2019/2020 Proposed Preliminary Budget

AGENDA

- ❖ Preliminary Budget Timeline – ACT 1
- ❖ Challenges in preparing the Preliminary Budget
- ❖ 2019/2020 Preliminary Budget Highlights
- ❖ Closing comments



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Act 1 – Preliminary Budget Timeline

- ❖ **Available for Public Inspection**
1/8/2019
- ❖ **Public Notice to Adopt Preliminary Budget**
1/18/2019
- ❖ **Adoption of Preliminary Budget**
1/28/2019
- ❖ **Notice of Intent to File for Referendum Exceptions**
1/28/2019
- ❖ **File with PDE for Referendum Exceptions**
3/7/2019



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Act 1 – Final Budget Timeline

- ❖ **Proposed Final Budget Presentation**
4/15/2019
- ❖ **Adoption of Proposed Final Budget**
4/23/2019
- ❖ **Make available for public inspection**
5/7/2019
- ❖ **Notice of Intent to Adopt Final Budget**
5/17/2019
- ❖ **Adoption of Final Budget**
5/28/2019



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Challenges in Budget Preparation:

- ❖ **Timing**
 - ✓ Work-back schedule of Act-1 due dates shortens the calendar.
 - ✓ Only 4 months into the current fiscal year.
 - ✓ Only 2 months into the school year.
 - ✓ Very little budget vs actual data to analyze.

- ❖ **State Budget**
 - ✓ Unknowns for 2019/2020 year:
 - Education Subsidy
 - Transportation Subsidy
 - Special Education Subsidy
 - Any further property tax reforms



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Highlights

Expenditures - Major Items / Methodology

1. **Wages and benefits account for 70% of total budget.**

2. **Benefits and Related –**
 - PSERS employer contribution mandated increase 4.1% (34.79% of total payroll).
 - Medical, Rx, Dental, Vision estimated at 5.25% increase.

3. **Debt Service –**
 - Actual debt and interest payment schedule used.

4. **All other operational expenses –**
 - Estimated at 2% year/year growth.

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Expenditures

Highlights

Object	Prelim Budget 2019/2020	Final Budget 2018/2019	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries	\$ 71,316,815	\$ 68,768,293	\$ 2,548,522	3.70%
Benefits	46,479,461	43,596,462	2,882,999	6.61%
Professional Services	8,049,810	7,897,971	151,839	1.92%
Property Services	4,450,128	4,310,918	139,210	3.23%
Other Services	16,617,360	16,297,229	320,131	1.96%
Supplies	5,989,831	5,883,384	106,447	1.81%
Property & Equipment	63,569	62,650	919	1.47%
Other Objects & Functions	17,630,438	17,327,743	302,695	1.75%
Budgetary Reserves	300,000	300,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL	\$ 170,897,412	\$ 164,444,650	\$ 6,452,762	3.92%



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Revenues - Major Items / Methodology

❖ Local:

- Generally not changed
- R/E Tax – applied current assessment values (↑ \$880k)
- Delinquent tax collections decline (\$400k)

❖ State:

- BEF year/year average increase 1.5% (↑ \$140k)
- Special Education subsidy (↑ \$55k)
- Increased PSERS/FICA offset (↑ \$1.0MM)

❖ Federal:

- Based on current year expected income



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Revenues:

Source	Budget 2019/2020	Budget 2018/2019	\$ Change	% Change
Local	\$ 123,161,205	\$ 122,688,228	\$ 472,977	0.39%
State	33,890,555	32,614,130	1,276,425	3.91%
Federal	717,392	717,392	0	0.00%
Total Revenues	\$ 157,769,152	\$ 156,019,750	\$ 1,749,402	1.12%
Other Sources	2,962,000	3,300,000	-338,000	
TOTAL	\$ 160,731,152	\$ 159,319,750	\$ 1,411,402	.089%



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Preliminary Budget Gap:

Source	Prelim Budget
Total Revenues & Other Funding Sources	\$ 160,731,152
Total Expenses	(170,897,412)
Fund Balance Appropriation	4,000,000
Transfer from Committed Funds (retirement)	1,710,000
Net (Shortfall)/Surplus	\$ (4,456,260)



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Closing Comments

❖ **2019/2020 Act 1 Index = 2.3%**

❖ **Referendum Exceptions Estimate**

➤ Special Education	\$1.07 MM
➤ Retirement Contributions	<u>.16 MM</u>
➤ Total Estimated Exceptions	\$1.23 MM

❖ **Next Steps**

- Deep-dive into expense lines
- Ground-up approach by department/building
- File for PDE exceptions
- Keep an eye on Harrisburg



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